Signs of The Last Day – According to The Qur'an and Hadith

(Students of International Relations must read this)



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Rapid changes are happening in our world, and some of us might wonder why certain events, disasters, or social movements have to occur. Or, we might even wonder what kind of events would happen next. Whether these events happen naturally or designed to happen, one thing is certain – Each event in our world are signs which shall not be neglected. Allah Subhanahuwata'ala have warned us about these events in the Qur'an (Final Testament) and the Hadith.

Literally, the term **"Hadith"** or **"The Sunnah"** means: "The record of the sayings and conduct of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). The Hadith has come to supplement the Holy Qur'an as a source of the Islamic religious law. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was born in 570 AD, and lived for 63 years. The following Hadith are **"Signs of The Last Day"**, which were revealed 14 centuries ago.

The purpose of this note is to find out **Signs of The Last Day which is already happening in our world right now**. Hopefully we can learn some knowledge out of it to be more aware in our life. May Allah guide us with his mercy.

The Last Day is Near



Below are the Qur'an's verses regarding the last day. As we might notice, most of the people are worried about this day; but they refuse to even talk about it.

> ***I do not think the Hour will ever come. But if I should be sent back to my Lord, I will definitely get something better in return. (Surat al-Kahf: 36)***

> ***When you were told, "Allah's promise is true and so is the Hour, of which there is no doubt," you said, "We have no idea what the Hour is. We have only been conjecturing. We are by no means certain." (Surat al-Jathiya: 32)***

But instead, they deny the Hour; and We have prepared a Searing Blaze for those who deny the Hour. (Surat al-Furqan: 11)

And the Hour is coming without any doubt ... (Surat al-Hajj: 7)

We did not create the heavens and earth and everything between them, except with truth. The Hour is certainly coming. (Surat al-Hijr: 85)

The Hour is coming—there is no doubt about it …(Surat al-Mu'min: 59)

Allah Subhanahuwata'ala have also sent messengers (prophets) to warn the people, and about the destruction of the people of Noah, Lut, Ad, Thamud, and Pharaoh for rejecting the signs of Allah.

Your Lord would never destroy any cities without first sending to the chief of them a messenger to recite Our Signs to them. We would never destroy any cities unless their inhabitants were wrongdoers. (Surat al-Qasas: 59)

… We never punish until We have sent a messenger. (Surat al-Isra: 15)

We have never destroyed a city without giving it prior warning as a reminder. We were never unjust. (Surat ash-Shu'ara: 208-209)

Messengers bringing good news and giving warning, so that people will have no argument against Allah after the coming of the messengers. (Surat an-Nisa': 165)

We destroyed generations before you when they did wrong. Their messengers brought them the Clear Signs, but they were never going to believe. That is how We repay evildoers. Then We made you their successors on the earth so We might observe how you would act. (Surah Yunus: 13-14)

1. Wars and Anarchy



Picture above (from left): US army in the Middle East, World War II and victim in Gaza Strip

Allah's Messenger (saas) said: "The Harj (will increase)." They asked, "What is the Harj?" He replied, "(It is) killing (murdering), (it is) murdering (killing)." (Bukhari)

The Hour will come when violence, bloodshed, and anarchy become common. (Al-Muttaqi Al-Hindi, Muntakhab Kanzul Ummaal)

The world will not come to an end until a day would come to the people on which there will be general massacre and bloodshed. (Muslim)

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) mentioned that conflicts, murder, chaos, and war will occur in many parts of the world as a sign of The Last Day. In the last 14 centuries before the 20TH century, wars were regional. But after the 20TH century, wars have affected the global political systems, social structures and economy due to the development of military technology (nuclear, biological & chemical weapons).

The wars which happened recently includes**: World War I, World War II, Cold War, Korean War, Vietnam War, Arab-Israeli conflicts, Gulf War, US Invasion of Iraq, US Invasion of Afghanistan, NATO's Invasion to Libya,** etc. Besides that, there have been a number of civil wars which happened such as in **Georgia, Ivory Coast, Kyrgyzstan, Somalia,** etc.

2. The Destruction of Great Cities



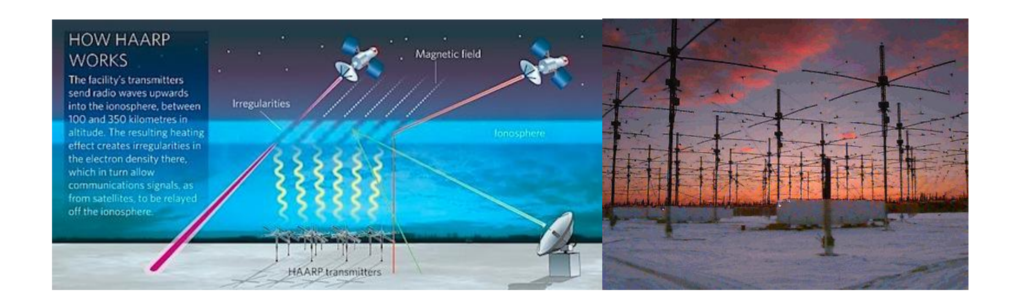
Picture above (from left): Gaza Strip (2009), Aceh Tsunami (2004) and Japan's combined disaster (2011)

Great cities will be ruined and it will be as if they had not existed the day before. (Al-Muttaqi al-Hindi, Al-Burhan fi Alamat al-Mahdi Akhir al-Zaman)

Corruption has appeared in both land and sea because of what people's own hands have brought about so that they may taste something of what they have done so that hopefully they will turn back. (Surat ar-Rum: 41)

Due to wars and natural disasters, many cities were destroyed as if they had not existed before. Allah Subhanahu wa ta'ala mentioned in the Qur'an how these destructions are caused by our own acts as a reminder for us to go back to the right path.

Many destructions has happened such as in **Hiroshima & Nagasaki (1945); Berlin during the WWII; Aceh Tsunami (2004); Haiti Earthquake (2010); Gaza Strip (still happening); Japan's earthquake, tsunami & nuclear leakage (2011)**, etc.



Infact, scientist today have invented a tool which can influence the weather, with a possibility to also stimulate 'natural' disasters. The **High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP)** is an ionospheric research program which worth $250 million jointly funded by US Air force, US Navy, the University of Alaska and The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). The research includes: ionosphere super heating, plasma line observations, polar mesospheric summer echoes, etc.

3. Earthquakes



Picture above (from left): Haiti (2010), Guatemala (2010) and Japan (2011)

> ***The Hour (Last Day) will not be established until … earthquakes will be very frequent. (Bukhari)***
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> ***There are two great Hadiths before the day of Judgment … and then years of earthquakes. (Narrated by Umm Salama (r.a.)***
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> ***When the earth is convulsed with its quaking and the earth then disgorges its charges and man asks, "What is wrong with it?", on that Day it will impart all its news because your Lord has inspired it. That Day people will emerge segregated to see the results of their actions. Whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it. Whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it. (Surat az-Zalzala: 1-8)***

Earthquakes are probably disasters which caused one of the most deaths and material loss throughout the centuries, since we cannot live without land. Just a few seconds of earthquake can bring immeasurable destruction. Below are the **data of recent earthquakes above magnitude 5**, according to US Geological Survey Home Page. **(Period: 2^{ND}-3^{RD} April 2011)**:

Mag	Date-Time(y/m/d)	LAT (deg)	LON (deg)	DEPTH (km)	Region
5.4	2011/04/03 07:38:46	37.619	141.572	57.3	**NEAR THE EAST COAST OF HONSHU, JAPAN**
5.1	2011/04/03 03:09:12	36.870	142.034	31.1	**OFF THE EAST COAST OF HONSHU, JAPAN**

5.1	2011/04/02 18:50:20	-24.317	-179.824	445.1	**SOUTH OF THE FIJI ISLANDS**
5.9	2011/04/02 10:59:38	-19.555	-69.072	83.4	**TARAPACA, CHILE**
5.5	2011/04/02 06:05:03	-5.643	153.813	71.9	**NEW IRELAND REGION, PAPUA NEW GUINEA**
5.1	2011/04/02 04:08:11	38.832	141.989	61.2	**NEAR THE EAST COAST OF HONSHU, JAPAN**
5.1	2011/04/02 00:28:55	-34.021	-72.140	25.1	**OFFSHORE LIBERTADOR O'HIGGINS, CHILE**

4. Poverty



Picture Above: Slum areas in Asian and African countries

The poor will grow in number. (Amal Al-Din Al-Qazwini, Mufid Al-'ulum Wa-mubid Al-humum)

Gains will be shared out only among the rich, with no benefit to the poor. (Tirmidhi)

Poverty is basically the condition of lack of primary needs such as food, proper healthcare, and minimum economic income. The number of poverty in the world has increased more than before due to imperialism and capitalism which prevented the distribution of income, capital and technology among developing and underdeveloped countries. According to United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), 826 million people don't get enough to eat in year 2000. As obsession towards materials and wealth become more common, we have been swayed away by greed towards luxuries as we forgot our duties in giving charity.

Population below Poverty Line in 2007 (nationmaster.com)

Gaza Strip (80%); Nigeria (70%); Tajikistan (60%); West Bank (46%); Djibouti (42%); Benin (37, 4%); Burma (32, 7%); Ghana (28, 5%); India (25%); Argentina (23, 4%); Iran (18%); Trinidad and Tobago (17%); Russia (15, 8%); Belgium (15, 2%); Morocco (15%); Vietnam (14, 8%); Kazakhstan (13, 8%); Montenegro (7%); Serbia (6, 5%); and Taiwan (0, 95%).

5. The Collapse of Moral Values



Picture: (from left) Gay parade & AIDS day in China

There will be prevalence of open illegal sexual intercourse. (Bukhari)

The Hour will come when adultery becomes widespread. (Al-Haythami, Kitab al-Fitan)

The Last Hour will not be established until they (wicked people) commit adultery on theroads (public ways). (Ibn Hibban and Bazzar)

Men will imitate women; and Women will imitate men. (Allama Jalaluddin Suyuti, Durre-Mansoor)

People will indulge in homosexuality and lesbianism (Al-Muttaqi Al-Hindi, Muntakhab Kanzul Ummaal)

One of the major sign of The Last Day is the degradation of moral values, such as the increasing number of homosexuality, pre-marital & extra-marital sex, prostitution, sexual harassment, pornography, etc.

Some people might think that their existence is something normal, but they do not consider the danger behind it. The proportion of sexual-transmitted diseases and sex-related illness are severe indicators of problems towards humanity. Moreover, some countries have even legalized gay marriage. The existence of gay communities around the world commonly shows their opposition towards religious values. Below is the **data of percentage of adult (age 15-49) suffering HIV/AIDS in 2007** according to CIA World Factbook:

Swaziland (26,1%); Botswana (23,9%); Lesotho (23,2%); South Africa (18,1%); Namibia (15,3%); Zimbabwe (15,3%); Zambia (15,2%); Mozambique (12,5%); and Malawi (11,9%).

The case of homosexuality has happened since the people of Lut (pbuh). They flamboyantly rejected Lut's invitation to the Right path, and preferred to live in their way of living. Allah Subhanhu wa ta'ala have destroyed their city through a great disaster. Today, the remains of this society still lie beneath Lut's lake (the Dead Sea).

6. Social Deterioration



The time will be years of confusion. People will believe a liar, and disbelieve one who tells the truth. People will distrust one who is trustworthy, and trust one who is treacherous. (Ahmad)

The day of Judgment will not come until the very lowest people are the happiest. (Tirmidhi)

In the End Times, people will be carrying out their trade but hardly will there be a trustwor thy person. (Bukhari and Muslim)

Verily in the presence of the Last Hour, there would be … false testimony and concealing evidence. (Ahmad and Hakim)

There will be false accusation of unchastity and slander. (Tirmidhi)

Only people one knows will be greeted with the salaam... (Ahmad Diya'al-Din al-Kamushkhanawi, Ramuz al-Ahadith)

A man is unfilial towards his mother, and drives his father far off... (Tirmidhi)

When the old have no compassion for the young, when the young show no respect to the old … when children grow angry … Judgment is at hand. (Reported by Omar (r.a)

Divorces will be a daily occurrence. ('Allamah Safarini, Ahwal Yaum al-Qiyamah)

There will be an abundance of illegitimate children. (Al-Muttaqi Al-Hindi, Muntakhab Kanzul Ummaal)

Meanness and greed will multiply. (Muslim, Ibn Majah)

At that time, people will sell their religion for a small amount of worldly goods. (Ahmad)

In the Last Days, there will be such people, who, when they meet, curse and abuse each other instead of greeting (with salaam). (Allama Jalaluddin Suyuti, Durre-Mansoor)

There will be an abundance of critics, tale-carriers, backbiters and taunters in society. (Al-Muttaqi Al-Hindi, Muntakhab Kanzul Ummaal

Bribes will be called gifts, and will be considered lawful. (Amal al-Din al-Qazwini, Mufid al-'ulum wa-mubid al-humum)

7. Science and Technology

- Medical Technology



At that time ... life spans will grow longer. (Ibn Hajar Haythami, Al Qawl al-Mukhtasar fi 'alamat al-Mahdi al-Muntazar)

Due to the development of medical technologies and human genome projects, different diseases can be cured. Therefore, we can conclude that better healthcare has helped people to live longer. Such development has never happened fourteen centuries ago.

- Education



Literacy will increase—as Judgment draws nigh. (Ahmad Diya'al-Din al-Kamushkhanawi, Ramuz al-Ahadith)

As new technologies such as internet were introduced, learning has become easier and more accessible for everyone in the world. UNESCO have reported that the average literacy rate in 1997 was 77.4%, which is the highest it has been since the 14TH century.

- Construction Technology



There will be no Judgment—until very tall buildings are constructed. (Reported by Abu Hurairah)

The Hour will not be established—till the people compete with one another in constructing high buildings. (Bukhari)

The construction of modern skyscrapers began in the nineteenth century, as the use of steel and elevators increases. We have seen in our world today that nations are competing in building the tallest skyscrapers. The tallest building today is The Burj Dubai (818m). Soon, taller skyscrapers will be constructed such as the Mile Tower in Saudi Arabia (1,6km); Al-Burj in Dubai (1050m); and Mubarak Tower in Kuwait (1001m).

- Transportation Technology



The Last Day will not be established until …time will pass quickly. (Bukhari)

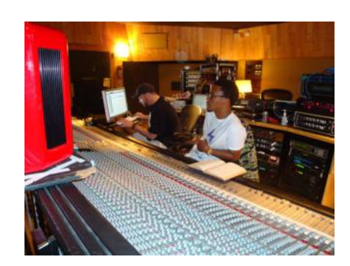
Great distances will be traversed in short spans of time. (Ahmad, Musnad)

And horses, mules and donkeys both to ride and for adornment. And He creates other things you do not know. (Surat an-Nahl: 8)

The Last Hour will not come before time contracts, a year being like a month, a month like a week, a week like a day, a day like an hour, and an hour like the kindling of a fire. (Tirmidhi)

Using modern vehicles, great distances will be able to be reached in a much quicker, safer, and easier way. Traveling trips which used to take months a few centuries ago can actually be done in just a few hours today.

- Communications Technology







The Last Hour will not come before the end of a man's whip speak to him. (Tirmidhi)

There will be no Judgment ... until a person's own voice speaks to him. (Mukhtasar Tazkirah Qurtubi)

The sign of that day: A hand will be extended from the sky, and people will look and see it. (Ibn Hajar Haythami, Al Qawl a-Mukhtasar fi 'alamat al-Mahdi al-Muntazar)

The sign of that day is a hand extended in the sky and people stopping to look at it. (Al-Muttaqi al-Hindi, Al-Burhan fi Alamat al-Mahdi Akhir al-Zaman)

A voice will call him by name … and even people in the east and west will hear it. (Ibn Hajar Haythami, Al Qawl al-Mukhtasar fi 'alamat al-Mahdi al-Muntazar)

This voice will spread over the entire world, and every tribe will hear it in their own language. (Al-Muttaqi al-Hindi, Al-Burhan fi Alamat al-Mahdi Akhir al-Zaman)

A voice from the sky that everyone will hear in his own language. (Al-Muttaqi al-Hindi, Al-Burhan fi Alamat al-Mahdi Akhir al-Zaman)

The development of microphones, speakers, and recording technologies is an example on how 'a person's voice speaks to him'. With the development of wireless mobile technology, we can communicate with people around the world anywhere and anytime. Several things which are also unimaginable a few years ago have also been developed, such as satellites, radio and television (where people around the world can hear in their own language). The 'hand' or 'voice' in from the sky (in the Hadith) can described as radio waves or signals which carries information in the air.

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